

#### REMARKS

The examiner has maintained the rejection of independent claims 1 and 4 over Gregg on the ground that the limitation ("... information likely unique ...") is indefinite, and therefore can be interpreted broadly enough to be anticipated by Gregg. The examiner's position on anticipation seems insupportable, as in Gregg the information that conveys that a transmission was received is the destination address, and the independent claims explicitly exclude reliance on the destination address for that function.

The independent claims have, however, been amended to address the examiner's indefiniteness concerns. The claims now require "the information from the first frame transmission occupying fewer bits than the destination address information but being sufficiently unique to the first frame transmission as to convey that the second frame transmission is a response to the first frame transmission."

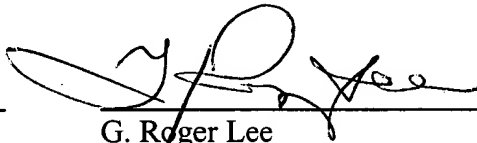
With this amendment, claims 1 and 3 are believed to overcome any possible indefiniteness, and are thus in condition for allowance.

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Respectfully submitted,

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